## BEFORE THE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:	)	CASE NO. 1369 STIPULATION FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND CONSENT ORDER
WILLIAM J. LUKE, D.O.	)	
Holder of License No. 1202.	)	
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By mutual agreement and understanding, the Arizona State Board of Osteopathic Examiners ("Board") and William J. Luke, D.O., ("Respondent"), agree to the following disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Stipulation and the attached Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Consent Order; and, he is aware of and understands the content of this document.
- 2. Respondent understands that by entering into this Stipulation he voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review on the matters alleged in the Stipulated Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law or to challenge the Board's Order.
- 3. Respondent acknowledges his understanding that this Stipulation and Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Board.
- 4. Respondent further understands that this Stipulation and Consent Order, once approved and signed, shall constitute a

public record which may be disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board.

- 5. Any admissions made by Respondent are solely for the stipulated disposition of this matter and are not intended as an admission against his interest or an admission of liability in any civil litigation.
- 6. Respondent is aware that any violation of said Consent Order constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1854(26) and may result in disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_

, <del>19</del>93.

WILLIAM J. LUKE, D.

ACCEPTED this 5th day of November, 1993

ROBERT J. MILLER, Ph.D. Executive Director

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners of the State of Arizona ("Board") is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- William J. Luke, D.O. is the holder of License No.
   1202 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board issued a formal complaint and notice of hearing against Respondent on February 26, 1993, which alleges that Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.

4. For the purposes of this stipulated order, the factual allegations of the Board's Complaint at paragraphs 4 through 17 are true, accurate and incorporated herein by reference as if expressly set forth.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board of Osteopathic Examiners of the State of Arizona possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over William J. Luke, D.O., pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1801, et seq.
- 2. The Board has authority to enter into an agreement for the stipulated disposition of this matter pursuant to A.R.S. \$ 41-1061(D).
- 3. The finding of fact set forth at paragraph 4 constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by statute as follows:
- (A) The conduct and circumstances described in paragraphs 4 through 17 constitute conduct in violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854(5): Prescribing, dispensing or administering controlled substances or prescription-only drugs for other than accepted therapeutic purposes.
- (B) The conduct and circumstances described in paragraphs 4 through 17 of the Board's Complaint constitute conduct in violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854(19): Any conduct or

practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the osteopathic medical profession or any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient or the public or any conduct, practice or condition which does or might impair the ability to safely and skillfully to practice medicine.

(C) The conduct and circumstances described in paragraphs 4 through 17 of the Board's Complaint constitute conduct in violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854(21): Failing or refusing to maintain adequate records on a patient.

## ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) William J. Luke, D.O. (Respondent), is hereby issued a decree of censure.
- (2) Respondent is placed on probationary status for a period not to exceed five (5) years, beginning 30 days from the effective date of this Order. (12/15/93 12/15/98).
- (3) While on probationary status the Respondent shall comply with all statutes and regulations applicable to the practice of osteopathic medicine and with the following conditions to protect the public and rehabilitate the Respondent.
- (A) For the first 30 days of probation, as a term of probation, the Respondent may not be involved in any direct patient care, which shall include restricting Respondent from

providing diagnosis and treatment of any kind and prescribing or administering medications.

- (B) <u>During probation</u>, Respondent may not prescribe any of the following controlled substances: D.E.A. schedule II and III medications.
- (C) In addition to satisfying the Board's statutory requirements for continuing medical education, the Respondent shall also complete twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education per calendar year for the first two (2) years of probation, and, said continuing medical education shall be in the subject area of appropriate prescribing of narcotic and controlled substances and substance addiction.
- three years of probation, Respondent will be subject to review of all aspects of his medical practice; but, said review shall primarily be in the area of diagnosis and treatment of patients and maintenance of patient records. The Board shall designate the reviewing physician, who shall be a practicing osteopathic physician in Arizona, and who shall undertake this review as the Board's designated representative and in the following manner.
- (A) A random review of at least ten patient records selected at the reviewing physician's discretion shall be conducted every 120 days, commencing with the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the reviewing physician and provide copies of patient records and related information.

- (B) The supervising physician shall prepare a written report for the Board and a copy to Respondent reflecting any relevant findings or opinions concerning Respondent's medical practice activity and compliance with this Order.
- (C) In the event that the reviewing physician's report discloses deficiencies in Respondent's medical knowledge or proficiency, the Board may order, at its discretion and without expressly making any finding of unprofessional conduct, the completion of an additional twenty-five hours of CME per year during the period of probation. This provision shall not limit the Board in taking other disciplinary action in the event that it has cause to invoke its statutory authority.
- (D) The reviewing physician's professional fee for reviewing activities shall be paid for by Respondent. Unless specifically authorized by the Board to the contrary, the total time that may be charged for the reviewing physician's activity shall not exceed six hours for each scheduled review. The hourly rate shall not exceed \$125.00 per hour.
- (5) As a further term of probation, Respondent shall appear before the Board, but no more than three times a year, to discuss and respond to any questions concerning his medical practice upon receipt of reasonable notice requesting his appearance.
- (6) Upon completion of the third year of probation and satisfaction of the additional forty hours of CME, Respondent may

petition the Board to terminate probation and reinstate his prescribing privileges.

- (7) Respondent shall fully comply in a timely manner will all terms of this Order and the statutes and rules governing the practice of osteopathic medicine. Failure to comply shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action which may include suspension or revocation of his license after being given notice and an opportunity for hearing.
- (8) A civil penalty is imposed upon Respondent in the total amount of \$15,000; and, said penalty shall be paid over a period of not to exceed five (5) years and payment shall be made in incremental amounts of \$750 on the first day of each third month commencing with December 1, 1993. Respondent may pay the entire balance of the civil penalty at any time. Payment may be made by check made payable to the State of Arizona and personal delivery to the Board's office or by regular mail (postmarked no later than the date due) delivery to the Board's office.

ENTERED this  $\frac{5^{-12}}{2}$  day of  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of  $\frac{1}{2}$  and effective on November 15, 1993.

ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

ROBERT J. MILLER, Ph.D.

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